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CORRESPOND-ENT'S LETTER

LETTER FROM CLARKSVILLE IS BRIMFUL OF NEWS THIS WEEK.

Clarksville High School's **Graduating Class**

LARGEST IN ITS HISTORY-FOURTEEN /OUNG MEN AND WOMEN RECEIVED DIPLOMAS-LARGE AUDIENCE WITNESSES CLOSING EXERCISES.

One of the largest classes ever sent out by the Clarksville High School was awarded diplomas last Friday night, at which time appropriate exercises were conducted at Elder's Opera House before a crowd which taxed the capacity of the place. The graduates, fourteen in number were seated in crescent shape, with the only tives and friends. young man of the class in the center. This occasion made the end of the In at successful year in the history of Keesee.

the school. The exercises were opened by an anthem, after which the Rev. Underwood in a few remarks invoked the divine blessing upon the graduates and all present. Miss Eva Anderson, the first speaker, had as her subject, "Rome and Carthage." She was followed by Miss Lovelle Grant with "American Ideals" as her thesis.

"Hope, a Star that Never Sets," by Miss Odessa Roberts, was well re ceived; then Miss Mary Bell Griffin, with "Nothing Succeeds as Success," was at once a favorite with the audience, and her essay was capitally given, and heartily appreciated. "Beyond the Alps Lies Italy," was next ville Friday evening to witness the given by Miss Alma Harris, who

seemed at ease on the stage; then lastly came the "Class Farewell" by Miss Lillie Keesee.

Diplomas were presented by Dr. T. H. Marable to the following: Eva B. Anderson, Minnie B. McCurty, Bessie L. Grant, Bruetta G. Roberts, Mary O. Roberts, Louise M. Harper, Mary B. Griffin, Nannie B. Smith, Alma Harris, Lenora T. Anderson, Lillie V. Keesee, Augusta C. Weed, Tayma A.

Ohee and Edward J. Garratt.

The first annual meeting of the Alumni Association of the Clarksville High School was held last Wednesday night at Fifth Ward Baptist Church, before a large and appreciative audience. A well rendered program was offered. Among the things discussed was the enlargement of school rooms, and employment of additional teach-

May fairs were held last week at A. M. E. Zion Church and St. John Baptist Church. Both realized good results.

A man of unusual avoirdupois and beautiful form strolled into a wellknown barbershop on Franklin street one day last week and asked that the tonsorial duties be performed on his face. Having divested himself of collar and coat, he sat himself down in one of the revolving chairs, conscious of the blissful nap that would be forthcoming during the removal of the week's hirsute growth. He failed to note the objection offered by the faithful chair, which had borne many a weight innumerable, and presently found himself in a tangled heap. Eventually he was thinking of Tennyson's "Charge," for on arising he saw part of the chair to the right, part to the left, and a part in front of him. After getting his shave under difficulty and having himself brushed, said, on leaving, "It never touched me; but I hie myself back to my old Kentucky."

May has been a month of varied experiences. This community has seen lawn fetes, moonlight picnics, rallies, baptizings and May fairs galore; but last Saturday the hottest day of the month, witnessed the spilling of blood by those infected with torrid temperaments. James Baker, so it is said, came all the way from St. Louis, Mo. only to have his epidermis punctured and the nether regions explored by a piece of lead from a gun otherwise known as a pistol. Then along came es in his side. The wound was caused 11 o'clock an ice course was served these lilles so fair, and wear it, so to Criminal Court the first of the week. held at the Pythian Temple,

by a knife wielded in the hand of another. Up to this writing both are in

the land of the living and daily repeating, so it is said, this: "Of all the words of tongue or pen,

was born in this city and for years worked with his father in the shoemaker's trade. At Fisk University he made a dutiful student and finished a course which brought him renown. With a band of eighty musicians, of which he was the leading cornetist, he traveled the two continents. Mr. Wilcox was a brother of Mrs. Alice

Rice of this city. The marriage of a former Clarksville girl, Miss Beulah Terry, a sister of Mr. Woodford H. Terry and Mr. S. L. Williams, of Minneapolis, Minn., was beautifully solemnized at St. Andrews A. M. E. Church, Council Bluff, Ia., Sunday, May 19. No account of the marriage has as yet been publannounced that the conversations lished in Clarksville and details will and speeches were not to interfere hence be of interest to the bride's with his part of the program and he many family and personal friends passed around the first course. The here. The groom is a friend of Dr. Al- evening was pleasantly spent in congie Williams, of Minneapolis. The bride and groom are now sojourning a rare selection from the "Iroquois" in Ogden, Utah, for a few weeks, and Quartet and a course of refreshments. will be at home, Minneapolis, Minn., after June 15, 1907.

Miss Fannie Hopewell was in Nash ville last Saturday.

Mrs. Estiza Watson, returned from Nashville after a day's stay with rela-

Mrs. James Overton, of Nashville, is spending the week with Miss Lillie

Mrs. Georgia Keesee will spend several weeks in Princeton, Ky.

Mr. William King has resigned his position with Wm. Buck, the barber, and accepted a position with Wendell & Henderson, of Nashville.

Mr. J. J. Lay, of Nashville, failed to attend the commencement as prom-

The Rev. Collins has returned to the city after a few weeks' visit to tall

Miss Laura Wills went to Kennedy, Ky., last Tuesday.

Mrs. J. C. Lott, of Lebemon, is visiting here. Mr. N. S. Dabney went to Hopkins-

graduating exercises of High School.

Mrs. Elnora G. Henderson, Springfield, Tenn., came over Friday to attend commencement and visit rel-

Miss Minnie Lee Jones, of St. Louis, is visiting Mrs. Maggle Johnson this

Mr. Albert Meriweather has accepted a position with W. A. Chambers &

Mrs. Mary Turner returned from St. Louis, Mo., Sunday.

Miss Roberta Meriweather, who has been teaching at Centreville, Tenn., ame home Sunday. Mr. Chas Lynch, of Hopkinsville,

spent Sunday in the city. Mrs. John Manning, of Earlington, Ky., is in the city.

Mrs. Deamle Drane returned from Cherry Station, Tenn., Sunday. Rev. J. J. Rye went to Shelbyville,

Tenn., Monday. Rev. F. W. Gardner spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Sheibyville, Tenn. Mrs. F. G. Carney returned to Mur-

freesboro, Sunday. Prof. F. G. Carney will spend his vacation in Murfreesboro.

Rev. Paul Dennis, of Guthrie, Ky. spent Monday in the city.

Mrs. David Warfield came in from Guthrie Monday. Miss Frankie Fox is spending a few

days with Miss Roberts. Dr. E. S. Randals went to Nashville

Tuesday morning. Mr. Arthur Bailey, of Memphis, is in the city.

PLEASANT ENTERTAINMENT.

Miss Mollie Shapard and Mr. Jefferson Ryalls entertained Friday evening at 719 Tenth avenue, South. The house was beautifully decorated joy the refreshment an oasis might with potted plants and cut flowers. A refreshing frappe was dispensed in the reception hall by Miss Sykes. Those in attendance were Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Brown, Mrs. Emma Payner, Mrs. L. Partee, Messrs. John Galloway, Howard Petway, Jno. Goodall, M. Baker, Jefferson Ryalls, Willis H. Summers, Robt, Crow, S. S. Davis, Alford Pope, Edward Pope, Willie Pointer, John Caldwell, Will Palmer, Walter Holt, Misses Elizabeth Fryer, Bell Smith, of St. Louis, Bessie Epps, Minnie Bridgewaters, Mattie Sykes, Carrie Richerson, Maggie Paynor, the most enchanted spot of all. Georgie Scales, Mollie Shapard, Essie like flowers, and here nature has so Willie Hollinsworth, who sought a L. Partee, Sallie Smith. Dancing richly provided them. doctor and consented to several stitch was the feature of the evening. About Boys, I am going to pluck one of

DUE HONOR.

When, in the course of human longer serve me. The saddest of these-it might have events a printer decides to set his atfections on the fairer sex, and aban-Mr. Reuben Rice, of St. Louis, Mo., dons the stick and stone, and has no a musician of international repute, thought of mallet nor slug, and the died at his home last Wednesday. He firm make-up of his mind leads him to chase the points in view, it be discipline, more skill, more courcomes necessary that the members of age-a union, the basic principles of take proof of his good intention.

On Saturday night last the members of the "Honey Pot Club" assembled to do honor to Messrs. George Olsborn Boyd and John Henry Kelly, Jr. The weather man proceeded to hand a lemon and those who were so fortunate as to be present wended just now; but one thing I do know, their way through a pouring rain. A representative number was in attend-

ance. At nine o'clock Mr. Fred J. Ewing, who had charge of the refreshments. versation, occasionally favored with

When the evening was far gone, the master of ceremonies, Mr. A. T Landers, arose and after a brief talk stated the specific purpose of the meeting. Mr. Boyd responded to a request for a speech in the following well-chosen remarks:

Mr. Toastmaster and Gentlemen:

It has been but a few months since we met on a similar occasion to do honor to one of our most popular and distinguished fellow-associates, and on that occasion, as in many previous instances, sad attempts by myself were made at "extempo" speaking. But on this occasion, when it is my good fortune to be one of the honorees. I pause in the midst of flighting and precious time-I have only learned the value of time in the past few weeks-to collect a few scattering thoughts that I may, in my best effort, thank you one and all, for the honor thus conferred upon me in such a unique and generous way, which is more fully demonstrated by my free participation in the joys and festivities of the evening. (Applause.) one of your most ardent leaders, time considered; at no stage of the game have I faltered; yea, I have looked, as it were, beyond the horizon, and the rough, winding, now hilly, now smooth path, with its seasons of content and discontent, of joy and sadness, of pleasure and sorrow, has been followed with an indescribable ardor and zeal. The public has long since classed me with a few other seges of singleness in whose faces I look tonight with a peculiar feeling of mixed joy; for, indeed, the time was when that distinction was highly appreclated-and quite natural-was I not considered a bachelor of the Landers. Crutcher and Joe Battle type? (Great applause) And I would like to say in this connection that Messrs, Fred J. Ewing and J. Frank Battle bid fair to smash the bachelor records of these distinguished knights of singleness. (Prolonged applause.)

Gentlemen, I was a single man (I am no more) in the true sense of the word, and took special pleasure in letting the world know that I was single (especially the girls), participating to the highest in things pertaining our able young ministers. At 2 to that life as I saw them—possibly o'clock the baptizing took place, there to my detriment, for I have long since seen the folly of my ways, but the fascination of the life, like the ghost that haunted Macbeth, would not down. And on and on we went, trudging the path of singleness, through deserts, as it were, stopping to enoffer; over mountain cliffs, the rapturous scenery being a rest to the eye: through meadows, where the grass grows tall and green, and down, deep down in the valleys. where, as the poet has well and beautifully said: "Many a flower is born to blush unseen." The home of the lily so fair is here. Yea, I want to stop here. For, indeed, this seems to by my journey's end. My fascination for your life, after witnessing a panoramic view of the past, has taken on a new coloring. This seems to be

speak, in the lapel of my heart till its leaves have faded and withered away, and even then the thought of it shall he cherished till memory shall no

Again, I am going to ask for an hon-

orable discharge from your happy union to join the rank and file of one quite as pleasant but more restricted; one that requires more the "Honey Pot Club" assemble and which served as a model for our gov-In leaving you I have no censure for

any one. I do not even ask you to look at things as I see them-for right now I see many breakers ahead. You know your condition best; your resources may not justify the change that some lily, in its majestic and queenly pose, has been of more than passing moment to each of you, and that it is only a question of time when it will be plucked and preserved as a solace in future years. (Applause.)

I also observe a few Benedicts in our midst, who, apparently, stand with outstretched arms to receive and welcome me, which is a source of untold delight. On the other hand, I see no tear in the eyes of those whose happy union I am about to leave, for, indeed that organization considers matrimony its highest and most coveted degree, and all join hands as on this occasion, to add pomp and joy to the passing of one of their number into friends and made many new ones. the initiatory degree of the indomi- Mr. Brown is well known in this city. table Benedicts. (Applause.)

Gentlemen, when our marriage vows have been solemnized, all hail the queen, one of the fairest in the land.

and give you the farewell handshake, to have you inspect our quarters at any convenient time.

thank you for this signal honor bestowed upon me.

(Applause.)

Right here Mr. Ewing refreshed the members from his bountiful store, which seemed to be inexhaustible.

The next speaker was Mr. John H time (applause)-yes. I have served of waters" and take passage over "the do." you overtime in that line, but not as a slow train" through Arkansas and matter of personal choice-circum- seemingly grew happy as he thus adstances so ordaining it; I have been dressed the audience: "Gentlemen, I believe that every young man ought to be married." Mr. Kelly finally on Thursday of last week. It is learned ended his speech with "Why?"

> The program being ended, Mr. Ewing summoned all hands up and a general toast was made.

Those present were Geo. O. Boyd, John H. Kelly, Jr., J. Frank Battle, W. O. Tate, D. Wesley Crutcher, Joseph O. Battle, E. F. Dupree, R. C. Fisher, J. B. Boyd, Ernest Cole, Samuel L. Carter, Dan H. Winston Louis K. Thomas, Louis D. Bumbrey, Fred J Ewing, A. T. Landers, J. J. Lay.

EBENEZER NOTES.

A High Day in Zion.

Brother C. S. Randals, of St. Paul A .M. E. Church, delivered an interesting address to the Sunday school on "Church Pride and Punctuality." The lecture was full of thought and power. At 11 o'clock the baptismal address was delivered by Rev. G. W. Martin to a large audience. The congregation was very enthusiastic over the sermon. Rev. Martin is one of being thirty persons who were baptized. Between two and three thousand people witnessed the affair.

On last Thursday night the Allen League was organized. The following officers were elected: W. B. Lusk, President: J. Redman, Vice President; Albert Buchanan, Treasurer; Allen Copeland, Secretary; Addie Buchanan, Assistant Secretary.

Pev. G. L. Jackson held a successful quarterly conference, the amount of forty dollars having been raised.

Mrs. Sadie Walker met with a very painful accident by breaking a needle in her finger. Miss Lillie Hall is still improving.

The Souvenir cards received from

Messrs. Walker and Huggins were

enough to make her well.

INDICTMENT ANNULLED.

son for the murder of his wife, Miner-

PAPER MEN.

PHIL H. BROWN, OF THE MORN-ING NEWS, HOPKINSVILLE, KENTUCKY.

Chas. Stewart, Associate Press Correspondent.

WERE VISITORS IN THE CITY THIS WEEK-BOTH ARE WELL KNOWN IN THE JOURNALISTIC ARE JOLLY, FIELD-BOTH WITTY AND AFFABLE.

PHIL H. BROWN IN TOWN.

Editor Phil H. Brown of the Hopkinsville Daily News made a business trip to the city last Tuesday. He received a hearty welcome from old having at one time been foreman of the composing room of the A. M. E. Church Sunday School Union. He left Nashville in the early '90's to fill an important position in Washington. As we launch our barge Wednes- Two years later he was assistant edday evening, June 12, 1907, upon the itor of one of the best medical jourturbulent sea of matrimony, I shall hals in America. It was during that be pleased to see your faces there, time an article from his pen entitled "Insanity" attracted the attention of and when we drop anchor on those the medical fraternity all over the beautiful shores, we shall be delighted country. Mr. Brown's Morning News is one of the best papers in Kentucky.

Again, gentlemen, one and all, I MR. CHARLES STEWART SPENDS A DAY IN NASHVILLE.

"Oh, I just dropped in on you for a few moments because I had nothing else to do, and because I do not like to stay out of Nashville too longfl All the people might forget I am living and may think I am dead. But I just Gentlemen, I have traveled the path Kelly. He told of that which had want to say that I am not going to of singleness for an unusually long constrained him to cross the "father die until I can find nothing else to

> These are the remarks that came from Mr. Charles Stewart, the celebrated newspaper correspondent, and were addressed to a Globe reporter from Mr. Stewart that since the first of May he has been in the vicinity of the South Atlantic States attending various state conventions. He attended the Baptist State Convention at Aiken, S. C., the Virginia Baptist State Convention at Staunton,

> Va, and then he made a flying trip to New York. Reaching Washington last Friday evening, he spoke to a large audience at the Nineteenth Street Baptist Church and then on to Chicago, his northern headquarters, via Pittsburg.

"Where are you going?" asked the Globe reporter of Mr. Stewart.

"That's none of your business." replied the newspaper man, "and if I tell you, it won't be because it is your business. Anyhow, I will let you know a part of my route. I go from here to Normal and will remain there during the commencement exercises of Dr. Councill's school. My wife and son are already there awaiting my arrival. From Normal I will go back to South Carolina to fill some important engagements, then to Mississippi, and back to Betts Academy, which is near Aiken, S. C. I may possibly drop down to New Orleans about June 28, but this is not cerain, as there are other important enagements ahead of me."

Mr. Stewart was entertained by Drs. R. F. Boyd, R. H. Voorhees and other well-known friends and acquaintances. He is always welcome in Nashville, as he is a jovial, good-natured, bighearted newspaper man. He usually introduces himself to every one and makes himself at home at anybody's

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS' RALLY.

The combined lodges of the Knights of Pythias in this city held a rally last Sunday at Mt. Olive Baptist Church. The members met at the Pythian Temple on Fifth avenue, North, and marched to the church. Here, after a short address by Rev. Preston Taylor The indictment of Robert Robert and Dr. R. F. Boyd, a collection was lifted amounting to \$507.84. On va Robertson, was annulled in the Monday night a grand reception wa